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Applicant's PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Statement, which was submitted on 22 August 1997, has been considered. A copy of the signed and dated PTO-1449 is attached.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8AM to 4PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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Christine Saoud, Ph.D. September 18, 1997

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